(b) what was the average price paid by the consumers for a metre of cloth during these years separately;

(c) details of reductions made in the excise duty on cotton textiles during the last five years;

(d) whether these reduction have been passed on to the consumers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The estimated per capita consumption of Textiles in 1980 and 1989 was 13.43 mtrs. and 15.07 mtrs. respectively. Data for 1990 is not avalable.

(b) Average price of fabrics was;-

(Rs./Mtrs.)

Year	Cotton	Non-Cotton Blended/ Mixed	
1980	7.78	28. 64	29. 46
1989	13.8	50. 36	37. 79

Data for 1990 is not available.

(c) No excise duty concessions were given to Cotton Textiles during the last five years.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Impact of New Economic Policy on handloom weavers' employment

1090. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 3.5 million handloom weavers will be left totally unemployed with the implementation of new economic policy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that increase in yarn -exports has led to sharp rise in the prices of cotton yarn; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Rise in prices of cotton hank yarn can not be co-related to yarn exports since the export of hank yarn of counts upto 60s which are mostly used in the handloom sector is not permitted.

(c) In order to ensure adequate supply of yarn to handloom weavers at reasonable prices, the state sector and cooperative spinning mills had been asked to augment production of hank yarn and exercise restraint in prices. Recently Government has announced a scheme for supply of yarn to handloom weavers at millgate prices through the National Handloom Development Corporation for implementation during 1992-93. Under this scheme, 10.00 million kgs of yarn is likely to be distributed to the weavers during the year.

Retrenchment Compensation Scheme

1091. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRI SOM PAL: SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: SHRIMATI MIRA DAS: DR. ABRAR AHMED;

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give 45 days retrenchment compensation per every completed year of the service to the sick National Textile Corporation units' workers;

(b) whether Government have considered that sick National Textile Corporation units if sold or amalgamated with other units would give better returns or would be beneficial for the economy; and

(c) whether Government have considered the proposal that weavers of the closed mills or closed weaving departments be given option to hire-purchase four looms on being retrenched; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) Government have considered the "Turn Around Strategy" of National Textile 'Corporation which involves its restructuring, Labour Rationalisation, Modernisation etc. but have not taken any decision on it.

Amount sanctioned to Andhra Pradesh under Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme

1092. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications which have been received from Andhra Pradesh under the Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme; and

(b) what is the number out of them which have been sanctioned alongwith the amount sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) As per information provided by Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), the number of application received from Andhra Pradesh under Textile Modernisation Fund is 36.

(b) Out of the above, 28 Units have been sanctioned assistance, aggregating to Rs. 7872 lakhs.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now the Papers to be laid... *(Interrup-tion)*

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY; Madam, I gave a notice.. . *(Interrup. tions)* ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN; No, no, I will not permit anything till I allow the Papers to be laid on the Table. All of you know my procedu-red... *{Interruptions)* .. .You know my procedure. First, I will allow the Papers to be laid on the Table; then we will proceed with whatever is bothering your mind. Papers to be laid on the Table, Shri Sharad Pa-war.

Memorandum of understanding (1992-93) between, Department (of Defence Production and Supplies and the Garden Beach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited, the Mazadon Dock Limited, Goa Shipyard Limited, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited, Bha-rat Earth Movers Limited and the Bharat Dynamics Limited.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : I lay on the Table a copy each (in English Hindi) of the following papers: —

(i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Defence—Department of Defence Production and Supplies) and the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited for the year 1992-93.

(ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Defence—Department of Defence Production and Supplies) and the Mazagon Dock Limited for the year 1992-93.

(iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Defence—Department of Defence Production and Supplies) and the Goa Shipyard Limited for the year 1992-93.

(iv) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Defence—Department of Defence Production and Supplies) and the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for the year 1992-93.